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Abstract

~~In~~ a A method for detecting pauses in speech signals is disclosed~~in speech recognition, for recognizing speech commands uttered by the user, the voice is converted into an electrical signal, whose~~ in which the frequency spectrum is divided into two or more sub-bands. Samples of the signals on the sub-bands are stored at intervals, the energy levels of the sub-bands are determined on the basis of the stored samples, a power threshold value (thr) is determined, and the energy levels of the sub-bands are compared with said power threshold value (thr). A subband minimum is set and a detection time limit is set so that, in a noise situation, a speech pause can be verified by checking to determine if each pause detected remains for the duration of the detection time limit and if a pause is detected in at least said minimum subbands~~The comparison results are used for producing a pause detecting result~~.

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